### CHRISTMAS OF YORE. How the Yuletide Season of the Long Ago Was Spent

TIME FOR ALL TO BE JOLLY.

Walter Scott's Poem on the Anniversary-Drinks of the Day.

This is a day devoted solely by all Christians in every part of the world to tender and respectful, if not reverent, ory in honor of the "Babe of Bethwhose coming meant so much for mankind. If it does not rightly indicate His birthday on that lonely night it has been so celebrated for nearly 2,000 This and hosts of preceding genejoyously celebrated its many genial attributes with the acclaim that flowed from a feeling of good brotherhood and the generally genial spirit of the occasion. man or a woman, at least in the South, is not in good humor and of a giving mood on this festal oceasion, he or e should be sidetracked without delay.

Christian countries is ready to affirm, and they do it, too—
Christmas comes but once a year.
But when it comes it brings good cheer.

The old legend of Santa Claus and his mythical stocking (most generally loaded with gifts for the young) has attained with gifts for the young) has attained with gifts for the young. It is a pleasant fluxion to the time. It is a pleasant fluxion to the tyoung (while they are adolescent, they young (while they are adolescent, they know no better), and equally agreeable know no better), and equally agreeable to old folks. If they know something substantial adorns the inside of the stockstantial adorns th

tomary to the festive period, but in special instances costly jewelry and other stuff meets a ready sale to accommodate the requirements of an ever-recurring and pressing sentimental emergency. It is safe to say that for a week past Christmas buyers have kept Richmond merchants on the run, but it was a welcome race for the latter. It goes without the saying that what the market effords for

well as his more mature congener of the cannon cracker and blunderbus tin horn, and East Rocky-mountain war-whoop. It is well if it proves to be so.

Even hundreds of years agone Christ-mas was a synonym for warm welcome and good cheer in the Old Country. Sir Walter Scott gives a spirited description of such a happening in the days of old: And well our Christian sires of old Loved when the year its course had

And brought blithe Christmas back long lease of life.

again,

With all his hospitable train. With all his hospitable train.

Domestic and religious rite
Gave honor to the holy night;
On Christmas-Eve the bells were rung;
On Christmas-Eve the mass was sung;
That only night in all the year,
Saw the stated priest the chalice rear.
The damsel donn'd her kirtle sheen;
The hall was dressed with holly green;
Forth to the wood did merry-men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.
Then open'd wide the Baron's hall
To vassal, tenant, serf, and all; The new period of rule aside;
Power laid his rod of rule aside;
And ceremony don'd his pride,
The heir, with roses in his shoes.
That night might village partner choose; The Lord, underogating, share
The vulgar game of "posh and pair."
All halled with uncontroll'd delight
And general voice the happy night;
That to the cottage, as the crown,
Brought tidings of salvation down.

England was merry England, when Old Christmas brought his sports again.

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# Hood's Sarsaparilla

Twas Christmas broached the mightlest "Twas Christmas told the merriest tale; A Christmas gambol oft could cheer The poor man's heart through half the year.

Whether Christmas proves to be a failure or a success in the way of enjoyment will be mostly owing to the way in which it is treated. To some it will bring no consolation to others the most abundant enjoyment. Doubtless, Christmas will prove as good as anything else which the world imagines is absolutely pleasurable. There is a period in the life of a man when he cares little about spending his Christmas in the city. It is the period lying between boyhood and when he has some boys and girls of his own. Some of this description of genus home will spend the day in the woods, if the weather allows, and hunt birds, squirrels, or rabbits. When the man is a boy he takes naturally to the shade of the greenwood-tree at Christmas, and when grown there still lingers the desire to be free again, even for just a little while. The desire in the male adult is more rampant if fate has blessed him with a goodly lot of little ones at home, of either sex, whose demands on papa, however reasonable, cannot in the nature of things be gratified by him. It may, therefore, be safely surmised that on Christmas-Day there will be many amateur, hunters striking for the rural districts on early trains. They know where to look for game, and generally gad it without undue exertion. Some and it without undue exertion. Some Richmond youths have rural sweet-hearts, and nothing is more natural than that they should seek their presence

In Richmond there are all sorts of she should be sidetracked without delay, and with an abridgment of the usual drinks for Christmas, some new, but most of them old, under newly-devised cognomens. Some find the cheer incident to the season in hot Scotches, hot gins, bot whiskeys, hot rums, and hot everything else made of spiritus frumenti, the

to old folks, if they know something substantial adorns the inside of the stocking which is hung up for their benefit. Sometimes this is the case, especially in the North, where it is the custom to let old, as well as young, get the benefit of as Santa Claus visit. Many an old codger, male or female, is thereby the better enabled to determine what is individually thought of them by the quality and value of the presents thus bestowed on them. Of course, on general principles, a Yankee of either sex is maturally inquisitive, and wants to know the opinion of their conwants to know the opinion of their past with homes that are the equal of any to be found elsewhere in all the land. As the years roll on the brilliancy of her past will be irradiated by the glory of a future whose effulgence already dawns above the horizon. Estra perpetua.

Luckily most of the Christmases of Richmond have been of a pleasant, if not joyous sort, but there have been

requirements, real or supposed, of "the day we celebrate". That the Richmond markets hold everything good for the human system, and that everything is as cheap here as anywhere else, is a saying that cannot be contradicted.

Both celery and duplicate whist, the latter now much affected by Richmond parties, came from Kalamazzo. This outre-named place is in Michigan, once a district of Old Virginia.

Eggnog is the great Christmas tipple in Old Virginia. Sometimes it is not made with milk, but this never is the case when milk can be had.

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There will be some good in Christmas for most everybody, those who are cared for by others who are unable to take care of themselves, as well of the sundry arts which "stinguish this locality, including those confined behind prison walls. Christmas is usually a grand occasion for the little folks; indeed, the prevalent impression is that it was invented especially for their benefit. They have been usually allowed "the liberty of license" on the occasion, which has often been taken advantage of by persons of an older growth to make things disagreeable, and render necessary the intervention of the police, it is understood that the present Christmas will be noted for its public order and decorum, the valorous Msjor Howard, Chief of Police, having expressed the intertion to partially abolish the small-boy-poperacker nuisance, as well as his more mature congener of the cannon cracker and blunderbus tin horn. Campbell, the versatile and ready-witted Joffn H. Knowles, Sr., and that vivacious veteran, Colonel Charles G. Thompson late of "Our House" of happy memory. When things had warmed up awhile Captain Knowles would sing in his own inimitable style that well-known refrain "A Dollar or Two." while the veteran Thompson would respond with "Lord Loyeli," Campbell and Picor being deeply interested listeners. To show time's ravages it may be remarked that of the four gentlemen named only Colonel Thompson survives. He celebrated his 83d birthday last Thursday. He chose Richmond as his home in 1840, and since that time has seen and known much of her and her people. He has hosts of friends here who wish him a long lease of life.

The "Carriers' Address to the Patrons of the Richmond Daily Dispatch," issued Christmas, 1852, from its office, on Governor street, says:

"This morn that holiday began, By Scottish men called Yule, Which gives to every Christian man The right to play the fool.
And ancient privilege, 'tis true,
But whence derived we never knew,
And therefore cannot say;
Who through the year might grace the

Called dunce blocks in our modern

schools,
Are all, according to the rules,
Expected to be doubly fools

Are all, according to the rules, Expected to be doubly fools
On this auspicious day.
Then Folly hall! Erasmous dwells, So kindly on thy cap and bells,
And such delightful storjes tells,
In his delightful way.
That, quite enchanted, I confess
I see not how I can do less.
Than make thee lady patroness
Of this, my motiey lay.
Rich eggnog foams in many a bowl,
Cuff sings and grins without control,
Each urchin shouts with all his soul,
Pop-crackers, fired by bunches whole,
Along the streets in thunder roll.
And man and horse affright,
It wars, the artillery of these loons,
Like pistol practices of dragoons,
Or vollies fired by whole platoons
In some tremendous fight;
The House and Senate both adjourned
And members to their homes returned;
Each sportsman looks as much concerned.
As though his fare-bank were burned,
Or broke before his eyes.

Or broke before his eyes.

And, quite despairing, crimes out"shame"!

On delegates I will not name— Who, leaving town, have blocked the

MEETING MIGHT DO HARM

Chamber of Commerce Will Not Endorse Anti-Cleveland Movement.

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterlay. Those present were Messra, S. H. Hawes gresident), S. W. Travers (first vice-president), R. W. Powers Gecond vice-president), R. W. Powers Gecond vice-president), R. W. Fowers Gecond vice-president, R. J. Larger Bosher, E. A. Catlia, S. D. Crenshaw, R. S. Christlan, Samuel Freedley, Ware B. Gay, Jackson Guy, J. L. Hill, A. D. Landerkin, S. H. Pulliam, N. R. Savage, Charles Straus, J. M. Taylor, and J. R. Williams (directors).

The chair explained that the object of the meeting was to consider a request for the use of the hall of the Chamber for a meeting of clitzens of Richmond opposed to Mr. Cleve and's recent action upon the Venezuelan question.

After a full consideration of the request a resolution offered by Mr. Jackson Guy, to the following effect, was adopted:

A request having been presented to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce by a respectable number of cour citizens for the use of the hall of the Chamber for the holding of a public meeting.

Resolved, That the request be granted, dorse Anti-Cleveland Movement.

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al Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

Marriage of Mr. Shortt and Miss Carter.

Carter.

Miss Hennie Carter, daughter of the late Claborne Carter, was married to Mr. John H. Shorti, of Fetersburg, at 6 o'clock last night, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. John A. Carter, No. 293 Eighteenth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. George C. Vanderslice, pastor of Union-Station Church, in the presence of a few of the most infilmate friends of the contracting parties. Mr. George Perkinson acted as best man, and Mr. Edward Carter as usher. The bride wore a handsome travelling dreas of dark-brown material and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

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BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS BANK OF MICHAMOND, AT RICHMOND, IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 13, 1895. AND THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL RESOURCES.

Christmas must be observed, and you can engage in the festivities so much more comfortably if you are neatly and stylishly clad. are just the thing this mild weather. Wear them without your Overcoat

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J. H. WALLACE, Notary Public.

R. G. RENNOLDS,
JOHN ADDISON,
B. RAND WELLFORD,
Directors,

TAXES.

OFFICE COLLECTOR CITY TAXES,)
ROOM 7. FIRST FLOOR, CITY HALL. 5
NOTICE TO TAA-PAYERS.
The residue of city taxes for 1855 are now due and payable at this office during this month. Every male II years of age, every person keeping house, and all parties doing business or having personal property in this city are assessed for personal taxes and are requested to call and settle, and thus avoid being reported delinquent and so posted.

Paying, pipe-, and sewer-connection bills are also due. The penalty that the ordinance imposes will be added to all bills remaining unpaid in this office after December 31st. Office hours, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.
FRANK W. CUNNINGHAM. OFFICE COLLECTOR CITY TAXES.)

EMPLOYMENT WANTS.

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WANTED, POSITION BY REGISTERDRUGGIST, fifteen years' experience,
by January 5, 1895; or will put \$400 or \$500
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de 23-Su,Tu,Th&Su4t\*

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BUSINESS WANTS.

WANTED, TO SELL A GOOD NEWS-PAPER ROUTE, Address or apply after 4 o'clock P. M. to A. L. MORTON, 1924 north Fifth street, October P. M. to A. L. Marketter Colors of the Street.

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RICHMOND, VA., November 2, 1896.
CERTIFICATE NO. 559). FOR TEN
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lost or misplaced, I hereby give notice
that I have applied for a duplicate thereof. Miss M. AGNES GRIMM, no 14-That

NOTICE.

NOTICE.

TO POLICY-HOLDERS OF THE AMERICAN FIRE-INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK. The American Fire-Insurance Company, of New York, has certified to me that it has ceased to carry on business in this State, and, further, that all its FIRED LIABILITIES for losses of taxes have been satisfied, and that its CONTINGENT LIABILITIES under its policies have been assumed by the Phenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the law, as provided in section 1276, V. C., 1887, having been compiled with, have requested me to deliver the bonds now held by me to secure its Virginia policy-holders to them.

Now, this is to notify all the VIRGINIA POLICY-HOLDERS that I will on the 25th day of December deliver the raid bonds to the said American Fire-Insurance Company, unless there be protest made by the VIRGINIA POLICY-HOLDERS. A. W. HARMAN, Jr., no Zitpessi Treasurer of Virginia.

INTERSIATE CASUALLY COMPANY, OF NEW YORK. This company proposes to make application to the Treasurer for the protection of their securities that are deposited with the Treasurer for the protection of their policy-holders in this State. We claim that all claims against this company in the State of Virginia have been settled.

THE INTERSTATE CASUALTY CO, Richmond, Va., November 25, 1885.

no 26-30t

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SECURITY BANK, HICHMOND, VA., 1107 EAST MAIN STREET, December 24, 1805, J THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BAN have declared the usual SEMI-ANNIA DIVIDEND OF THREET PER CEN-StJy2 A. B. BLAIR, Cashier,

NATIONAL BANK OF VINCINIA,) RICHMOND, VA., Debember 24, 1803. 6 on and after JANUARY 21.

J. W. LOCKWOOD, Secretary.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared the usual
semi-annual Dividend OF THREE
PER CENT. Gree of tax) payable ON OR
AFTER JANUARY 20 next.
JOHN MORTON,
de 24-2w Secretary and Treasurer.

Granite Building Compan No. 1102 east Main street. Richmond, Va., December 21, 1866

Phone Sil.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have declared a SEMI-ANNI AL DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT do fax), payable on and after January 2 ics, SAMUEL H. PULLIAN Secretary and Treasurer do 22:24.25,24.26.23 a 1,2 RICHMOND, VA., December 15, 100 The directors of the RICHMOND PER-PETUAL BUILDING, LOAN, AND TRUST COMPANY have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of 5 PER CENT., payable at their office of and after JANUARY 2, 1896.

WILLIAM LOVENSTEIN. de 20.22.24.26&dtJa3 Cashier. Office Va. Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Richmond, Va., December 17, 1806

DIVIDEND. The Board of Directors have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT. (free of tax), payable on and after January 2d, next. WM. H. M'CARTHY, de 19.13

de 19-ts

DIVIDEND NOTICE—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PETERS-BURG RAHLROAD COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND OF 2 1-2 PER CENT, on the capital stock of the company, payable ON AND APTER TIES 2D OF JANUARY, 1896, to all helders of record on the 20th day of December, 1844 after which date the books of transfer will be closed until January 2, 1896, w. R. JONES 4e 18-td de 18-td Tremsure

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHMOND
AND PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND OF
3 1-2 PER CENT. on the capital stock of
the company, payable ON AND AFTER
THE 2D DAY OF JANUARY, 1886, to all
holders of record on the 20th of December,
1885, after which date the books of frankfer will be closed until January 2, 1886
de 18-td Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE,—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMA'S RAILROAD COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND of THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS a Share on the Common Stock and Dividend obligations of the company, payable on the 2d of JANUARY, 1888, to holders of the same of record on the 2th of January 1898, the books of transfer will be are 1898, the books of transfer will be

ary, 1896, the books of transfer will be closed.

J. B. WINSTON. de 17-tJa1

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who, leaving town, have blocked the game
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Those who a day or two can spare.
To some friend's country house repair,
And spend the season there,
Trusting on viands, rich and rare,
Plum-pudding and minced-pie,
While some who leave no country friend,
And not too much of cash to spend,
Remain in town unto the end;
Among these last am I.
The "address further notices the then

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Among these last am 1

The "address further notices the then recent advent of Louis Napoleon as Emperor; the deaths of the Duke of Wellington, Henry Clay, and Daniel Webster, and the election of Pierce for President, and concludes with the usual intimation made by carriers. The document is in an excellent state of preservation, despite its forty-three years of age, and was written by Hugh Rose Pleasants, then writing editor of the naner. G. C. W.

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All accounts or indebtedness due the firm must be paid to Mr. Samuel Regester.

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